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To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to establish an alongside birth centre in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Violet-Anne Wynne

Dear Deputy Wynne,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.


There is no plan to establish an Alongside Birth Centre in County Clare. This is in line with the National Maternity Strategy which sets out that "Alongside Birth Centres should be situated alongside and contiguous to a Specialised Birth Centre."

The National Maternity Strategy can be accessed at the following link:

<https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/18835/ac61fd2b66164349a1547110d4b0003f.pdf#page=null>

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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